

The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on November 4, 2019. Board Chair, Sharrie Cranford, called the meeting to order at 9:31am.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District I representative Sharrie Cranford

District II representative Kai Mumpfield

District III representative Valeri White

District IV representative Amy Smith

District V representative Octavio Ramirez

District VI representative Marilyn Colson

District VII representative LaShea Cobb-England

Ellen Leonard, Board Legal Counsel, was present. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson was also present for the meeting. The following individuals were also present for the meeting: Lexie Stewart, Guest.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes:

Copies of the minutes from the October 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Marilyn Colson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. LaShea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voting in favor: Sharrie Cranford, Kai Mumpfield, Valeri White, Octavio Ramirez, Marilyn Colson, and LaShea Cobb-England. Amy Smith abstained.

Old Board Business:

- a. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson updated the Board on status of complaints. There is currently one complain that needs to be set for a hearing.
- b. Valeri White made a motion to accept approval of new licenses issued since the last Board meeting. LaShea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Board Business:

- a. Election of Officers:
 - i. Chair: Sharrie Cranford nominated herself for Board Chair. LaShea Cobb-England nominated Valeri White for Board Chair. Marilyn Colson and Sharrie

Cranford voted in favor of Sharrie Cranford. LaShea Cobb-England, Amy Smith, and Valeri White voted in favor of Valeri White. Octavio Ramirez and Kai Mumpfield abstained from the vote. Valeri White was elected to serve as Board Chair by majority vote.

- ii. Vice-Chair: Amy Smith nominated LaShea Cobb-England for Board Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. LaShea Cobb-England, Valeri White, Amy Smith, and Marilyn Colson voted in favor of LaShea Cobb-England. Sharrie Cranford, Kai Mumpfield, and Octavio Ramirez abstained from the vote. LaShea Cobb-England was elected to serve as Board Vice-Chair by majority vote.
 - iii. Secretary: LaShea Cobb-England nominated Sharrie Cranford for Board Secretary. Ms. Cranford declined the nomination. Valeri White nominated Amy Smith for Board Secretary. LaShea Cobb-England, Valeri White, Amy Smith, Sharrie Cranford, and Marilyn Colson voted in favor of Amy Smith. Kai Mumpfield, and Octavio Ramirez abstained from the vote. Amy Smith was elected to serve as Board Secretary by majority vote.
- b. The Board requested to be provided with the updated format of the Powerpoint presentation created for speaking engagements such as conferences and other programs. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson agreed to distribute the updated presentation to Board members for their use.
 - c. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson reported to the Board on Board Finance status. No concerns were noted. No issues identified requiring further discussion.
 - d. Valeri White updated the Board on work that has been completed via the Supervision Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has finalized a proposal for Board review regarding Supervision Changes. The subcommittee has asked that all Board members review for support prior to being proposed for legislation.
 - e. New Issues/Concerns:
 - i. Proposed Code changes: Executive Director Rachel Dickinson updated the Board on the proposed changes to the Code, feedback on those changes, and the status of the process toward finalizing the proposed changes. It was noted that there has been no comment following their being posted.
 - ii. Board discussed Online CEU's and agreed that they will be considered.
 - iii. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson updated the Board on the Social Work/ACHE meeting that recently took place. She advised that the discussion moved away from steps that could be taken to ensure that Universities are providing the support needed to ensure that graduates are achieving licensure, and moved toward more discussion regarding Practitioners being able to make diagnosis. She advised that Title protection was a much-discussed topic. Kai Mumpfield and Sharrie Cranford advised that they, too, were present for the meeting, and provided some update to the Board from their perspective.
 - iv. ASWB Delegate Vote: LaShea Cobb-England advised that she will be attending the Delegate Assembly on behalf of the Board. She advised that she would like input from other Board members regarding voting preferences for Officers, as well as other votes being brought to the Assembly. She advised that she will

email information regarding the various votes, candidates, and their positions on issues and asked that Board members reply to her via email with any input on the upcoming votes.

Other Requests:

- a. The Board approved the request of Naomi Pollock for reciprocity with a letter being sent explaining that should she apply for PIP, she must have the remainder of the Supervision hours as outlined in the Code.
- b. Signatures were provided for the PIP request for Jennifer Vanhorn to resolve the incomplete PIP request from October.

Break at 10:20am. Board resumed at 10:30am.

PIP Applications:

- a. Carpenter, Aubrey – Social Casework Approved; Clinical Social Work Denied
- b. Inman, Caitlin – Social Casework Approved; Clinical Social Work, Community Organization, and Social Work Administration Denied
- c. Kilpatrick, Jennifer – Social Casework Approved; Clinical Social Work and Social Work Administration Denied
- d. Puckett, Wesley – Clinical Social Work Approved
- e. Purvis, Joe – Social Casework and Social Work Administration Approved; Clinical Social Work and Social Work Research Denied
- f. Sweatt, Katharine – Clinical Social Work Approved
- g. Wade, Aaron – Social Casework and Clinical Social Work Approved

Requesting Reconsideration or Addition:

- h. Peoples, Veronica – Clinical Social Work and Community Organization Denied

Proposed date for next Board Meeting: January 27, 2020 at 9:30am.

Amy Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Octavia Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Valeri White

Amy Smith